



## Program Criteria Comparison

### **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK and MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP (MEMP)**

National Environmental Performance Track and the Missouri Environmental Management Partnership (MEMP) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and MEMP is a statewide Department of Natural Resources program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Certified Advanced Partner level of MEMP (the program has four levels: Partner, Certified Partner, Advanced Partner, and Certified Advanced Partner). For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

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#### **Common Program Criteria:**

- *EMS Components:* Common elements include: an EMS with a written policy, planned targets and goals, clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals, plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues, and documented management review.
- *EMS Self-Assessment:* Facility must conduct regular EMS self-assessments and compliance audits.
- *EMS Independent Assessment:* An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *EMS Cycle:* Facility must demonstrate EMS implementation.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must provide a description of its commitment to future performance.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals, and include documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Self-Certification:* An authorized individual must certify that all statements in application and annual reports are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Site Visits:* Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.

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#### **MEMP - Certified Advanced Partner - Additional Criteria:**

- *Future Performance:* Facility must implement and follow the waste management hierarchy to achieve pollution prevention.

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#### **Performance Track - Additional Criteria:**

- *EMS Cycle:* Facility must have completed one full EMS cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements for two environmental indicators (one indicator for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future performance improvements for four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories (two indicators for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Community References:* Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and annual reports are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.

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